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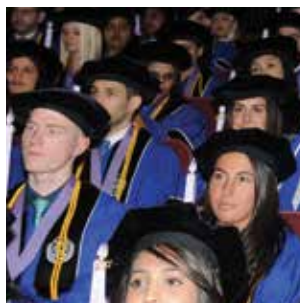
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Greetings to all,

In this second of three special 125th anniversary issues of *UB Dentist*, the spotlight is on dental education.

As a long-time faculty member including many years as academic dean, I've seen a number of changes in our dental and clinical specialty education programs. However, nothing in the past equals the current pace of changes in dental education necessitated by sweeping changes in the profession.

To prepare our students for dental practice in the years ahead, the school is about to embark on a major curriculum revision, stimulated in part by changes in the National Dental Board Examination scheduled for 2020. The new national board examination will be taken in the fourth year. As described by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, the examination will "integrate the basic, behavioral, and clinical sciences to assess entry level competency in dentistry." This will enable dental schools to combine topic areas, add new topic areas, and to better sequence content throughout the four-year curriculum.

Related to curriculum is our strategic plan which included the construction of our new preclinical simulation center that opened in June. The new patient simulators and the computer workstations will enable our students to better acquire psychomotor skills. They will be better prepared to treat patients in our clinics - and that is the learning key that continues to enhance our school's mission.

Among the goals of our new strategic plan is an expansion of education and training on digital technology. For the next several years, the profession will transition from traditional techniques to digital methods.

Another goal of the new strategic plan is the introduction of discipline-based clinics in the third year. The rationale for this change is to improve students' clinical education in the dental disciplines and to ease their entry into the fourth-year comprehensive care clinics. This change is targeted for the summer of 2018, coinciding with the implementation of our new clinic management system.


How we teach is changing as well as what we teach. While lectures have been the mainstay of didactic instruction, more instruction in our school employs the "flipped classroom"—"flipped" because students review the lecture and other material before class. Class time is used to review concepts, discuss clinical applications, and assess learning. Students are much more engaged and demonstrate higher-order learning.

To cap off this 125th anniversary year, please visit the school's history presentations during the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, October 4–6. Finally, my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the scholarship funds raised at our 125th Anniversary Gala in May.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Zambon, DDS '74, *Perio Cert.* '83, *PhD* '84  
Dean, School of Dental Medicine



# FROM THE DEAN



## Brian Preston Memorial Brewery Tour Recycles Memories

The summer of 2014 had 15 friends cycling through the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec, and it was evident that Brian was struggling. Little did anyone know that his perceived flu-like symptoms were the beginnings of an unmerciful lymphoma that put a permanent end to his cycling seven months later.

Dr. C. Brian Preston, chairman of the Orthodontics Department for 17 years, lived by the motto, "orthodontics is my profession but not my life." A dedicated academic, he lived life to the fullest as a husband, father, colleague, friend, pilot, scuba diver, skier, bricklayer, world traveler, and among other things, an accomplished and avid cyclist. Always having a zest for life and looking for new adventures, we once over lunch had a discussion about doing a brewery to brewery bike tour, not so much for the beer but as a reason for doing another bike trip. Fast forward a few years later and as I was sitting with Brian one afternoon at Roswell Park Cancer Hospital, he looked up and said "You know, we never did that bike trip."

Last winter, as I was relating this story to my daughter and son-in-law, the thought crossed my mind as to better late than never. I immediately sent out an email to

Brian's daughter Bridgette, also part of our cycling group, and she thought it was a great idea to get the ball rolling.

From June 30th to July 3rd, 20 riders did all or part of a brewery to brewery tour, from Hamburg to Fredonia to Bemus Point to Ellicottville and back to Hamburg. Riders from Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and western New York made up the Brian Preston Memorial Brewery to Brewery Tour, and a fun time was had by all.

Brian's energy was with us along the way, through drenching downpours, the long, tough climbs, and the camaraderie on and off the bike. If not in flesh, but in spirit, he finally did the ride.

—Paul Ziarnowski

1 MEMORIAL TOUR HONOREE BRIAN PRESTON PICTURED DURING HIS LAST BICYCLE TOUR IN QUEBEC. 2-4 THE MEMORIAL TOUR PARTICIPANTS AND THE SETTING DURING THE BICYCLE TRIP FROM HAMBURG TO FREDONIA TO BEMUS POINT TO ELLICOTTVILLE AND BACK.



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# OKU

## 80 YEARS OF SELECTING THE BEST OF THE BEST

It is considered the Phi Beta Kappa of dentistry. Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national honor society in dentistry, recognizes scholarship and exemplary traits of character of graduating dental students. Dental school faculty members select only the top students (12 percent of the graduating class) for induction into OKU, making it truly a prestigious honor.

In addition to electing graduating students, full- or part-time faculty members who have made an outstanding contribution to the art, science or literature of dentistry, may also be elected into membership each year. Life membership status can be attained after reaching the age of 60 and having 30 years of active membership in the chapter.

G. V. Black, dean of the now-defunct Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago, established the OKU organization in 1914. UB became a member in 1937 when the Lambda Lambda chapter formed locally. Charter members, all faculty, were Joseph L. Cleveland, Sr., Edson J. Farmer, Clifford G. Glaser, Russell W. Groh, L. Halliday Meisburger, Sr., Edward F. Mimmack, Charles A. Pankow, and Bernard G. Wakefield. Additional faculty members inducted in 1937 were Robert W. Conn, George W. Lorenz, and Edward J. Mehringer.

One of two graduating seniors admitted in 1937, was S. Howard Payne. Payne was to become one of the world's leading prosthodontists. Appointed to the faculty immediately after graduation, he quickly rose in its ranks and assumed the professorship and chair of the Department of Removable Prosthodontics in the mid-'40s. He also became assistant dean in 1952, serving in that position until 1965. Payne was also vital in establishing a Department of Dental and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. He died in 2009 at the age of 95, interestingly born in 1914, the same year that OKU was established.

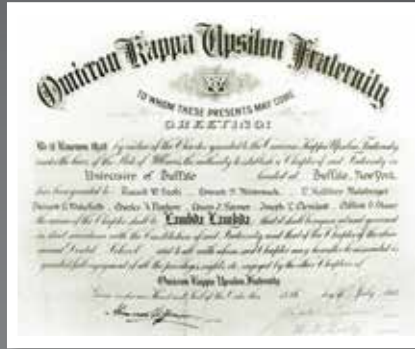
The other student, Robert Levine, victimized by the great depression, declined invitation to join OKU, as he was unable to raise even the minimal funds for the membership fee of \$1.00. This was rectified by the chapter and he was duly inducted in 1952.

Since the chapter was established, 847 have been inducted as members. The first woman to be included was Evelyn Jung in 1952, the second Mirdza Neiders in 1962. As more women were admitted as students, the number of female inductees has also increased.

On this 80th anniversary of celebrating the "best of the best," the school's Lambda Lambda chapter is poised to continue OKU's purpose: "To encourage and develop a spirit of emulation among students in dentistry, and to recognize in an appropriate manner those who shall distinguish themselves by a high grade of scholarship."

—Robin L. Comeau

SOURCES: okusupreme.org; *Roots of Renown*



This is the second of three special issues of UB Dentist celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the school. The magazine is focusing content around the three branches of the school's mission—service (highlighted in Spring 2017 issue), education and research.

Education is the focus of this issue. When the school opened in 1892, it was a two-year program with the sole mission of training dentists for dental practice. While dental education remains our cornerstone, our school's mission has expanded to include research and service to the community and to the profession.

Instead of attempting to encapsulate 125 years, we are providing highlights from the past 25 years, supplemented by the words of faculty, staff and alumni who have been part of this journey. To see more of the

## IN CELEBRATION OF THE UBSCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE OVER THE PAST 125 YEARS

picture, we suggest you read about the first 100 years in the "Roots of Renown," a monograph published in 1992 and edited by former clinic dean Richard Powell—and the **Quasiquicentennial Compendium** mailed to you recently. We would also suggest you pull out old issues of UB Dentist, previously The Dental Report, or view them on the school's website to refresh your memory of the past 25 years using the stories and pictures.

In the following pages, you will see how the manner of teaching has changed, the curricula has changed, the students have changed, and how the rewards of teaching have prevailed. Some interviews were videotaped and will be available to watch on our web site. The full text of each will also be available, forming an oral history by the time we have completed all three issues with many more interviews yet to come.

We hope these issues will provide snapshots of moments from the past 25 years.

# 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING STUDENTS



## **Advancing the SDM's original teaching mission**

As we celebrate the founding of the School of Dental Medicine 125 years ago, we essentially start by celebrating the 125 years of educating students to become general dentists.

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**"...I do not think that I can spend my time or yours more profitably than to impress upon you the thought, the conception, that dentistry is growing, growing, growing, not only in height, but in depth and in breadth and in comprehensibility, and that you as dentists have to be almost infinitely above what the men were of my day; that the knowledge upon which I graduated would not well start you in your freshman year; that you have to know more, have better training, and when you are through you are going to attempt the treatment of diseases, the ministering to conditions, that the men of my days never thought or dreamed of—that you are going to be truly members of the great healing profession...an oral physician..."**

Although it could be from a lecture on dentistry today, it is from the opening lecture on "The Profession of Dentistry" given by Dean W.C. Barrett on October 20, 1900. He goes on to emphasize the importance of a solid education in the basic or biomedical sciences to becoming a successful dental surgeon and dental physician. This has been a hallmark of the predoctoral education at Buffalo over its history.

A timeline of that history is displayed in the "Quasquicentennial Compendium," recently published, and discussed in detail in that edition and the previously published book on the school's history, the "Roots of Renown." Certainly the program has grown in size from five graduates in 1893 to 111 graduates in 2017, listed later in this issue; and in complexity in education; and from mainly part-time "demonstrators" as faculty to full-time and part-time faculty.

The biggest change in the predoctoral dental program (DDS) in the past 25 years was the reorganization of clinical teaching into vertical tier clinic groups including both 3rd and 4th year students in the comprehensive care of patients. This system was introduced in the clinic under Dean Louis Goldberg—a shift from a specialist to a generalist approach in the education process, and to patient-centered care. Many faculty have served as Clinic Group Directors who shepherded this comprehensive training (see inset below for directors). Clinical training sites outside Squire Hall have also increased in the past 25 years, providing students with a diversity of patients and settings, notably with expansion of pediatric dentistry into South Buffalo Mercy Hospital Campus, 1100 Main Street and the Kaleida Ambulatory Care Center at Conventus, both in Buffalo; the Mobile Dental Unit in the Southern Tier of Western New York; and the opening of the dental clinic within the Erie County Health Mall.

Other changes in the curriculum have focused on adapting to the advances of technology in both dentistry and teaching—implant dentistry, esthetic dentistry, digital dentistry, CAD/CAM, digital X-rays, genetic testing, advanced microscopy, electronic oral health records, and point-of-care computers; and in teaching/assessment methods and tools—electronic curriculum providing textbooks, UBLearns, ExamSoft, OSCEs, CPEs, standardized patients in simulation clinics, flipped classrooms, on-line training, small group learning, interprofessional education, and preclinical simulation laboratory.

## CLINIC GROUP DIRECTORS

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## ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**AEGD** » 12 month program • 8 residents per class • Program Director (PD), Frank Barnashuk, Associate PD, Joseph Rumfola • Recent Previous PDs: Daniel Golder, Terrence Thines, Cathy Gogan, Joseph Zambon, Jude Fabiano

**Biomaterials** » 36 month program • 3–4 residents per class • PD, Robert Baier, Associate PD, Anne Meyer • Previous PDs: Soren Sorenson, Malcolm Carter

**Endodontics** » 24 month program • 3–4 residents per class • PD, Adham Abdel Azim • Previous PDs: Ming Shih Levine, Sandra Shostad, Eugene Pantera

**General Practice Residency** » Inactive • Previous PDs: Alan Drinnan, Terrence Thines, Heidi Crow, Patrick Anders; Started co-sponsoring GPR program at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in 2014 • 12 month program • 2 residents per class • PD, Anthony Lister

**Oral Biology** » 60 month program • 2–3 residents per class • PD, Stefan Ruhl, Libuse Bobek, Ashu Sharma, Sarah Gaffen • Previous PDs: Rosemary Dziak, Mira Edgerton, Chris (Chunhao) Li

**Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology** » 36 month program • 2 residents per class • PD, Alfredo Aguirre • Previous PDs: George Greene, Mirdza Neiders

**Oral Sciences** » 36 month program • 13–17 residents per class • PD Ernesto DeNardin • Previous PD, Norman Mohl

**Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery** » 60 month program • 2 residents per class • PD, John Campbell • Previous PDs: Joseph Margarone, Richard Hall

**Orofacial Pain/TMD** » 24 month program • 2 residents per class • PD, Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker • Previous PDs: Richard Ohrbach, Heidi Crow

**Orthodontics** » 36 month program • 6 residents per class • PD, Thikriat Al-Jewair • Previous PDs: John Cunat, C. Brian Preston

**Pediatric Dentistry** » 24 month program • 8 residents per class • PD, Joseph Bernat, Associate PD, Carrie Wanamaker

**Periodontics** » 36 month program • 3 residents per class • PD, Othman Shibly • Previous PDs: Joseph Zambon, Robert Cohen

**Prosthodontics** » 36 month program • 3 residents per class • PD, Hyeongil Kim • Previous PD, Edward Monaco

## Advanced Education Programs

Beyond the DDS program are 12 other advanced education clinical specialty or degree-granting programs. The first formal program was in Orthodontics begun in 1946 and headquartered at the Buffalo Children's Hospital. During the decade of the 1960s under Dean James English, six clinical programs were started—Oral Pathology, Pediatric Dentistry, Removable Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Endodontics, and Oral Surgery.

The PhD Program in Oral Biology was also initiated in 1965. This growth was made possible through the move of UB to become part of the State University of New York and the addition of 60 full-time faculty. Programs in Fixed Prosthodontics (combined with Removable Prosthodontics in the late '80s), MS in Dental Materials later Biomaterials, MS in Oral Sciences, and a General Practice Residency were added in the '70s. The final two programs added were TMD/Orofacial Pain in the early '80s and AEGD in the early '90s.

Oral Pathology, dormant for 12 years, was reinvigorated in the mid-'90s (see inset above for program facts).

In addition, two education centers, in esthetic dentistry directed by Frederick McIntyre offering a Certificate of Proficiency, and implant dentistry directed by Robert Buhite followed by Sebastiano Andreana, were conceived in the '90s. Unfortunately, the esthetic dentistry center ended in 2007, but the implant dentistry center has expanded and is now going to be refurbished.

## Celebration of Faculty

We celebrate the faculty and staff who have shared their lives in this effort to train the next generations of dentists, dental specialists and scientists. So many have dedicated their careers to UB with 20–55 years of service. The following pages share a few of their viewpoints on how the programs have changed and why they engaged in academia.

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**MIRDZA (MITZI) NEIDERS,  
TEACHING ORAL PATHOLOGY SINCE 1962**

“The content of my field has changed. There are new diseases that occur in the oral cavity. There are new methods for diagnosis. The field is continuously changing and as faculty we have to adapt to it. We are trying very much to update ourselves—that is a very important part of dental education.

“The second change that I really see in education is that the student body is changing. A major change that happened at UB is the increase of international students. They are really diverse, both at undergraduate and graduate levels. The curriculum becomes more adaptable to various backgrounds of students. There is a bit more flexibility of trying to see how to help each individual student.

“For microscopic diagnosis in oral pathology, we have more different techniques on how to classify diseases, namely a new immunoperoxidase technique. We are also starting to use more genetic markers for various diseases. We have expanded in the laboratory technology, and we have better access to more rare cases.

“When the university became a state university, we gained some national visibility. We have some national prominence. I think we have an outstanding school that has produced some outstanding people. We have also produced outstanding international faculty because some of the international students who come here for graduate studies return to their own countries to teach. That has been a big contribution globally to European countries and also Middle East countries.

**“The field is continuously changing and as faculty we have to adapt to it.”**

**MITZI NEIDERS**

“I think what interested me in teaching is that there are always new challenges. The content of my field changes, the student body changes, administration changes, and my peers change. Some of my supervisors right now are my former students. I really enjoy that, because I see these young people developing and some of them are outstanding.

“I like teaching because it involves people. I try to focus on looking at every person and trying to figure out how to improve them. Some of my students remain my best friends. I keep in touch with them 20 years after graduation. From a teacher I become a peer and then a friend, and I like that transition.”



**JOSEPH BERNAT,  
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CHIEF OF DENTAL  
DEPARTMENT, WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL, BUFFALO**

“Our program has changed like pediatric dentistry has changed.

Twenty-five years ago there was a feeling that pediatric dentistry would disappear because of a decreased caries rate. Instead, what has happened is the caries rate has gone down, but it's given us more to do because we expanded the scope of the patients that we see from pregnant women all the way up through late adolescents. I think that infant oral health, early childhood caries interventions, and the treatment of late adolescents are all going to be new for us. It's a very dynamic specialty. It presents some really exciting challenges in providing the care to kids. And so, the scope of our practice and the type of education that we provide has changed vastly in the last 25 years.

“In 1980, we developed a Pediatric Dentistry minors program, where the students could take in their fourth year all of their elective courses and elective time, learning more about pediatric dentistry. That program has grown to about 30 per year now, so that's a good 25 percent of the class is interested in pediatric dentistry.

“We've had a really outstanding group of residents train in our program since I've been there. The program started in 1960 with one resident per year. We're now eight residents per year, and we graduated some really good academicians, chairmen of departments, any number of people that have gone on to outstanding careers.

“I think that the students are much more active in community outreach. Twenty to twenty-five years ago, our department was renamed Pediatric and Community Dentistry, and so we've been responsible for that part of the student curriculum that is in community outreach and community services. As far as our clinical services, we now have seven sites in Western New York. Last year, we had 120,000 patient visits. The majority of those were kids in poverty areas, and I think the impact on the community has been outstanding, and we're going to continue to grow that.

“We've developed a mobile dental van that we keep down in the Southern Tier area. We take it to different schools to treat children who don't have a dentist. We have the largest “Give Kids a Smile Day” in the country, servicing over 800 kids in one day in Squire Hall. The students really step to

the front, and they've really done a good job of being our ambassadors as they go out into the community.

"I always wanted to be a teacher, and I thought when I went away to college I would be a high school chemistry teacher. But I got interested in dentistry. From graduation, I stayed on as full-time faculty. I've held a number of positions. I've just enjoyed the academic life."



**STUART FISCHMAN,  
ORAL PATHOLOGY AND  
ORAL MEDICINE**

"For almost 50 years I taught oral pathology and oral medicine at UB. Looking back, I reflect on many changes that have taken place. In 1963, when I began teaching oral pathology, lecture presentations used glass mounted slides in a 'manual' projector. In

fact, it was the task of junior faculty to change slides at the command of the professor.

"Perhaps more significant is the demise of oral pathology laboratory instruction with individual student microscopes. Junior faculty would circulate among the students who were looking at 'class sets' of preparations of biopsy specimens of essential pathologic conditions. Over my career, we realized that dental graduates were not likely to have microscopes in their offices. The idea was to let them know what the clinical appearance was based on the histologic changes. They had to learn how to read a written report from pathologists.

"It's a whole different profession now than what I learned—materials and everything else. But teaching I think is still mentoring—you can't learn how to do dentistry by textbook. There was no real oral pathology program until George Greene came—he and Mitzi Neiders put the program ahead. I think students now recognize more medical changes in patients than before."

Influences: "That's an easy question. I start with Jim English right away, and next is Dick Powell and, although I didn't teach with Dick that long, he was a great influence on my career. I met him and he said why don't you teach clinic full time. I began doing that and was very impressed with the changes English and Powell were making. Jim English first sent me to the clinic, a very old building at the Meyer Memorial Hospital (now ECMC), but there was a lot of oral medicine that wasn't being managed there because no one had that background. So I took that challenge and for 25 years I ran the dental clinic there. I enjoyed teaching in the clinic—we had fourth-year students as well as residents rotate there."



**LATA SHENOY, DIRECTOR  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
DENTIST PROGRAM**

"I graduated in 1977 from the International Dentist Program (IDP) at UB. My teaching role started immediately after graduation. I am excited to mark 40 years of service on August

22, 2017. I encountered many hurdles during my education. I made it my mission to help IDP students in their difficulties and help the school understand IDP students' struggles. The IDP expanded in 2011, and started on shaky ground. I accepted the role of director in 2012. I'd say the program is working well now.

"I have lectured in India, my birthplace, many times. In 2014, I visited many schools along with my chairperson, Dr. Jane Brewer. This was the first step in creating international collaboration in the future."



**PAUL ZIARNOWSKI,  
PROFESSOR EMERITUS,  
FORMER INTERIM CHAIR,  
ORTHODONTICS**

"John Cunat was the chair for 40 years. He impacted every life he touched. He had the residents' interests at heart. I was a resident in this

department in 1980. At that time, the program was 19 continuous months. That was it. Strictly a clinical program, a very good program. It was relatively provincial. We didn't travel much. We didn't have outside lecturers. It was a core of three full-time faculty.

"After John Cunat retired in 1995, Brian Preston was hired in 1997. He came from South Africa, and he had an international reputation, so he then put the department on an international map. We started the initial program, and the extensive travel, extensive lecturing. So, the provincial UB program was no longer provincial. It was world renowned. The program went to 24 months, and then it went to 30 months, and then it went to three years...sometimes I think Brian was zen. He was a great guy and just had a lot of fun with the residents.

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**PAUL ZIARNOWSKI**

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“Digital has helped us a lot! We used to hand trace x-rays. Some people would take their little lightbox home. They’d put an x-ray on it, put a Mylar film over it, and you would trace it out. And you’d get your protractor and your ruler and measure all these angular and linear measurements, and diagnose what’s wrong with the face. And now it’s all done by computer. We scan the x-ray into the computer, and we push a button, and a prompt tells you ‘Okay. You’re done.’ You have a whole table of every single thing. But that’s good and bad. You better know your anatomical landmarks. And you better know the angles and the measurements that you’re doing, rather than just knowing norms when the computer spits it out.”



**EUGENE PANTERA, CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ENDODONTICS, DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED PROGRAM IN ENDODONTICS, AND DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION**

“I originally hated endodontics. I didn’t understand it. Quite by happenstance, I began to do continuing education and then I began to understand endodontics. Then quite by chance I met Dr. Ming-Shih Levine in a continuing education class—she was chair of endodontics at the time—and I told her about my continuing development in endodontics...and she invited me to be a part-time faculty member teaching endodontics on the clinic floor as a general dentist. Then, after a few years, I thought I could become a graduate student here. It really wasn’t part of any master plan at all and this led to that and that led to this and here I am.

**“I just like to teach. I like to talk, lecture, share whatever knowledge I have...”**

**EUGENE PANTERA**

“On a national scale, microscopy, or the use of magnification, became a bigger part of performing endodontics. The instrumentation has changed significantly over the last 25 years. Twenty-five years ago, most dentists were using hand files for instrumentation. Then multiple rotary systems became available. Our graduate students are exposed to different types of rotary systems. Our predoctoral students are being taught rotary systems which is a more advanced way of doing endodontics.

“I think the difficulty that we have now is access to experience for our dental students. Schools like UB have to look at alternative sites for our students to get appropriate experiences in treating patients. Also, the cost of providing dental care—even in a dental school where it’s partially

subsidized by student tuition—is still costly for some patient populations.

“I was teaching endodontics from 1979 until I retired in July 2016. I just like to teach. I like to talk, lecture, share whatever knowledge I have, and try to aim people in the right direction. To see growth in a person over a period of time is really rewarding. What’s different with me, at least with the graduate students, is that we always spent a lot of time together because physically we had the same office suite, in clinic a lot, in classes a lot, and it’s rewarding to see that type of positive change in somebody.”



**JOSEPH RUMFOLA, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY PROGRAM**

“I’ve seen a lot of change. When I was in the program 15 years ago, we did not really do many extractions. I’m seeing a lot

more extractions, and then bone grafts to preserve the bone for future implant placement, and then implants are being placed. I’m not seeing as many bridges, fixed partial dentures being done. I’m seeing more implants being done. The introduction of CAD/CAM into dentistry has changed things. We are doing restorations same day for patients.

“I think things have gotten more complicated in dentistry. The curriculum of the school is already jam-packed full of things, and I think we’re relying more on that first-year post-graduation to get dental students really ready to be dentists. They graduate with their degree; they’re technically dentists. But they can do basic stuff. I don’t think they realize how sheltered they are in their predoctoral education. They don’t get a whole lot of denture experience anymore. So the AEGD program (which began in 1991) has always been about getting a lot more clinical experience, but I think - instead of just more of the same things that were done in dental school - now the residents are seeing more complicated patients from a dental or medical or both perspective. And the dentistry that they’re doing is advanced.

“The program director who recruited me as a resident was Dr. Jude Fabiano, and I think the reputation of the program really improved under his leadership. He expanded the size and scope of the program. I think we’ve responded to requests from residents and faculty to add content areas. So I would say Dr. Fabiano, and then Dr. Frank Barnashuk, has also done an outstanding job of running the program.

“As far as reach, we’ve got Canadians. We’ve got a fair number of Saudi residents, because we have an International Scholars Program. There’s basically an AEGD program at a hospital in Saudi Arabia where the Department Chair, the Residency Program Director, and a bunch of their faculty are graduates of the AEGD program here.

“What drew me to teaching, starting when I was in high school, I used to teach drum lessons, and then when I was in college, I used to work as a professional yo-yo demonstrator, so I would spend a lot of time teaching kids to yo-yo. I was also a teaching assistant at Cornell, and then when I came to dental school, I think it was just a semester, we could TA a class, so I did that. So I was asked (when I finished my residency) if I would be interested. So it’s always something that’s been part of what I’ve done, and I enjoy giving back. Occasionally I’ll get a ‘thank you!’ from residents or patients, and that’s what kind of keeps me going.”



**THIKRIAT AL-JEWAIR,  
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
OF ORTHODONTICS**

“The program has been in existence since 1947, and this year celebrates its 70th anniversary. It is one of the first in the country. The program has changed and evolved over the years. However, the biggest change in the

program’s landscape was in the last 25 years. That’s when Dr. Brian Preston, the previous chairman of the department, took over and transformed the program to the way it is today. Personally, Dr. Brian Preston had a great influence on me.

“A number of changes have happened, and one important one is the duration of the program—that extended from being a two-year program to a three-year program—which had a tremendous number of advantages in terms of receiving a rounded experience by the residents in terms of the clinical care of the patients. The program opened the doors for international applicants. Many of the graduates and alumni are working worldwide. This has a huge impact.

“Another important change is the establishment of the Masters of Science degree in Orthodontics program. The Master’s program helped expand the existent clinical program and put it on the map nationally and internationally. To date, more than a hundred Master’s theses were completed in the department since the program started.

“There is a high emphasis on the use of technology, utilizing everything related to technology and social media to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the treatment

that we’re providing. We have to prepare our residents for 3-D visual imaging and study model printing and for a career that is influenced by technology to make their practices more efficient and effective.

“I switched to academia in 2005 after a number of years of clinical practice. The reasons were: I hate routine, and I enjoy the variability of responsibilities and the daily schedule of academia. Also, the interactions in academia are enriching, whether it’s interaction with residents and the ability to maximize their talents, or interactions with other faculty members and colleagues throughout the years. UB offers a variety of advanced certification programs, which allows a multi-disciplinary approach, whether it’s in terms of didactic courses or in treating patients. There is collaboration among faculty members in different departments and different programs, whether it’s on the level of faculty or the level of residents and staff. It makes it a very great environment, a great work environment.”

## Developing Future Faculty

One of the goals and objectives of the School of Dental Medicine is to “Prepare individuals for serving in and developing leadership roles in the basic and oral health sciences and in dental education”. In the 2015/2016 year, **155 alumni were members of the faculty of the school**. Many others are serving in those roles at other educational institutions. Congratulations to faculty and staff who have taught, mentored and served as role models encouraging students to follow in their footsteps—a job well done for the future of the profession!

The editors of UB Dentist reached out to alums to hear about their roles in education. Here are profiles of some alums engaged in teaching.



**STEVEN A.  
GUTTENBERG, '69**

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon  
Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg is the president of the Washington Institute for Mouth, Face, and Jaw Surgery in Washington DC. Guttenberg is a board certified oral and maxillofacial

surgeon (diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the past-president of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons,

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secretary of the District of Columbia Dental Society, and fellow and member of additionally recognized national and international dental, facial cosmetic surgery, and dental implant organizations. Guttenberg is the recipient of the District of Columbia Dental Society's highest award, the Sterling V. Mead Award for "Outstanding achievement in dentistry and for a life which has reflected great credit upon his profession." In 2015 he received the Samuel P. Capen Award from the University at Buffalo, the highest award presented by the UB Alumni Association.

Guttenberg is the recipient of the annual Continuing Dental Education Award from the District of Columbia Dental Society. Author of numerous publications, he is also recognized as a leading lecturer on laser, facial cosmetic surgery, and implant surgery both nationally and internationally. In addition to his prolific presentations at professional meetings, he has been for many years a surgical attending and mentor to residents at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Washington Hospital Center, receiving recognition numerous times for his excellence in teaching. He also contributes annual lectures to students at Howard University School of Dentistry on cosmetic oral and maxillofacial surgery and three-dimensional imaging in dentistry.



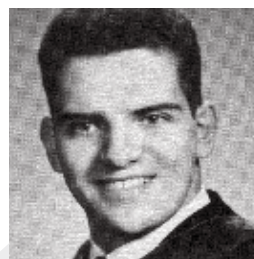
**SHELDON WINKLER, '71 PROS. CERT.,  
PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
IMPLANT PROSTHODONTICS**

Dr. Sheldon Winkler served as associate professor of removable prosthodontics at Buffalo from 1970 to 1979. Winkler played a major role in the establishment of the dental laboratory technology program at Erie Community College and served as acting chairperson until a permanent chairman was selected.

He is Professor Emeritus at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; adjunct professor, School of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ; and adjunct professor, School of Oral Health Sciences, Kingston, Jamaica. He previously served as professor and chairperson of the Department of Prosthodontics and Dean of Research, Advanced Education, and Continuing Education at Temple University School of Dentistry.

Winkler is an educator, author, editor, researcher, and national and international speaker on prosthodontics, implant dentistry, dental materials, and geriatric dentistry. He has authored or co-authored six textbooks (including *Essentials of Complete Denture Prosthodontics*, a standard reference

on the subject), approximately 185 articles and chapters in professional journals and textbooks, and founded the journal *Implant Dentistry*, which he edited for six years. Winkler is currently senior editor of the *Journal of Oral Implantology* and editor of *Implant Prosthodontics Monographs*. He is president of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and also serves as its executive director. He is the developer of the pour (fluid resin) technique for denture base processing.



**JAMES GUTTUSO, '58, FIRST  
FULL-TIME TEACHER OF  
ENDODONTICS AT UB**

Dr. James Guttuso offered up these firsts in endodontics in Western New York:

In Buffalo, the first general practice dentist to announce limitation of practice to Endodontics was in 1956 by Dr. Howard Wolfson, (DDS, University of Michigan, 1948). Dr. L. Irving Epstein, '40, limited his general practice to endodontics in 1959 and was appointed to the faculty at UB as the first endodontist to teach endodontics. Prior to that, root canal treatment was taught by general practice dentists in the operative department. Dr. Epstein instituted a scientific approach to the clinical teaching of endodontics. The first full-time teacher of endodontics at the University of Buffalo was James Guttuso, '58. Upon completing a two-year master's degree program in Endodontics at Indiana University School of Graduate Dentistry (MSD, 1962), he joined the faculty. Endodontics became a recognized specialty of dentistry in 1965 and Guttuso became one of the first diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics. He conducted the first continuing education courses on endodontics for family practice dentists.

The post-graduate program in endodontics at UB was instituted by Guttuso and Bruce Seidberg, '63 (Endo. Boston Univ., 1967). The "first" graduates in endodontics at UB, receiving a certificate were: Joseph F. Fiato, '65, Cert. '68, Michael Altman, '67, Cert. '69, Richard A. Masucci, '59, Cert. '70, Dennis Riley, Cert., '70 (DDS, Marquette University, 1966) and Dr. Frank L. Graziano, '65, Cert. '70.

Under the subsequent directorship of Roger T. Czarnecki, Ming-Shih Levine, Sandra Shostad, Eugene A. Pantera, Jr., and Adham Abdel Azim, about 100 dentists have graduated from this program. Ming-Shih Levine was the first full-time faculty member to head the Endodontics section. She was also the first female endodontist to practice in Western New York.



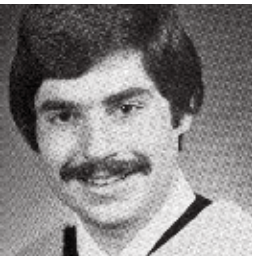


**MARC GOTTLIEB, '82,  
SPEAKER AT THE 2016 BNDM;  
UPCOMING CE PRESENTER**

"I do teach and lecture on a regular basis. Upon graduation from UB, I went onto my residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. From that point on I've been involved with teaching residents and dentists. It started off with lunch-and-learns and then study clubs

and now recently society meetings/larger dental meetings.

"Many years ago I took a free NYS formal instructor development course through the United States Power Squadron. It taught me how to educate adults and how adults learn differently from school-age participants. Then one participant (in the course) told me to read the book, "Making It Stick." All of my programs use tools from my instructor development program and that book. Attendees (of my courses) will see relevant content, regular quiz questions and a random pattern of information. I would like to see all 5s on my course evaluations and I'm working toward that goal."



**ROBERT A. STRAUSS, '79, PROFESSOR  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE RESIDENCY  
TRAINING PROGRAM IN ORAL  
AND FACIAL SURGERY AT THE VCU  
MEDICAL CENTER AND THE VCU  
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**

"I am a 1975 UB undergraduate and 1979 UB dental school graduate. After completing residencies in anesthesiology and oral

and maxillofacial surgery in 1984, I joined the faculty at the University of Chicago for three years before being recruited as an assistant professor of Surgery at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 1987. I am now a full professor of Surgery with tenure and director of the Residency Training Program in Oral and Facial Surgery at the VCU Medical Center and the VCU School of Dentistry. I am currently in my 30th year of service and plan to keep teaching and operating for some time to come.

"Early in my career I developed some expertise in the area of lasers in OMFS and have been fortunate to have been invited to speak at schools and hospitals on six continents. I have written over 50 peer-reviewed publications and over 25 textbook chapters as well as editing two textbooks. I have also been the Chair of the Major Surgery Section of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

"I believe in organized Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

and am a past president of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the second largest organization of OMFSs in the United States, as well as the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

"My teaching style has evolved over the years from me doing surgery and teaching in the process to allowing my senior residents to do the vast majority of the surgery while having them teach the residents junior to them while I stand back and supervise. The concept is that every resident must feel responsible to educate and teach the residents below them. I have also become an advocate for simulation in surgery before going into surgery. The simulation manikins we have now are remarkable for both surgery and anesthesia and allow me to teach residents procedures and emergency management protocols BEFORE doing them on a real patient."



**STUART L. SEGELNICK, '92,  
SECTION CHIEF,  
BROOKDALE UNIVERSITY  
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL  
CENTER, CLINICAL  
INSTRUCTOR, NYU  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PERIODONTOLOGY AND  
IMPLANT DENTISTRY**

"This year marks my 25th year of being a dentist thanks to UB School of Dental Medicine. I still cherish the photo my mother snapped of me holding a rolled-up scroll symbolizing my new degree, raised over my head in triumph, at the commencement day ceremony. The medallion commemorating the 100th year anniversary of UB SDM that every graduate was bestowed and wore around their neck as they were called up to the stage to receive their degree, still hangs proudly on my wall.

"For the past 21 years, I teach at a local hospital residency GPR program (Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY). Basically, as section chief of periodontology I lecture on periodontics and implant dentistry, and then I supervise the residents in treating the patients' periodontal and implant needs. Depending on the relevant topics covered during my lectures, the specialty residents will also attend. At the end of the residency year, I review and update my lectures mainly from recent scientific literature but also from resident suggestions. Most of the

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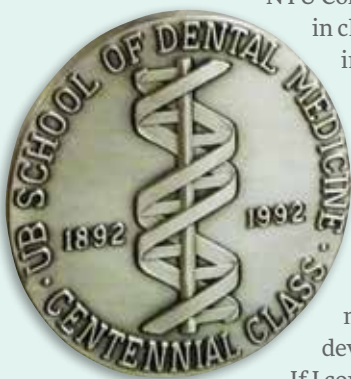
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## “I would like to congratulate UB SDM on 125 years of excellence.”

STUART SEGELNICK

residents have very positive experiences and it is nice to hear it from them. What I value even more is when I see them years later and they still feel the same way.

“For 18 years I have also been teaching part time in the Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at NYU College of Dentistry supervising residents in clinic in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. In September, my promotion to Adjunct Clinical Professor takes effect.



“I would like to congratulate UB SDM on 125 years of excellence and I profoundly appreciate my education there and the faculty that guided me through. I never understood their devotion until I followed in their footsteps.

If I could leave you with my reasons for teaching at the local dental school or hospital dental clinic, maybe some of you can consider doing the same:

- I cannot emphasize enough the pleasure of getting away from the office and breaking up the week.
- Being able to help teach and mentor residents is even better than what I experienced.
- Need to be prepared to answer questions from the residents leads to lifelong learning; keeping me up to date with current literature, techniques, technologies, and concepts and ultimately making me a better practitioner.
- Networking with other faculty and developing long-lasting friendships.
- Opens avenues to get involved with dental research.
- Inspiring residents not only to excel in the curriculum, but to participate in other dental-related areas such as community service and dental research.
- Knowing I made a positive impact in a developing dentist.

“Contemplate calling on your friends or past faculty that teach at your local dental institution and ask them how you can become involved. That small step could lead to a bright engaging future.”

## Life-long Learning

We cannot end this celebration of education without touching on the goal of the school to provide health care professionals and alumni with life-long learning experiences and forums for interaction with the school.

**The history is long, beginning** with the efforts of Dean W.C. Barrett, the 1st dean of the school, in establishing the Barrettonian Society that had “monthly meetings at which subjects of most interest to modern dentistry are presented by members of faculty or men eminent in the profession followed with discussions by the students;” **including** the dental alumni association’s early efforts to establish “an alumni postgraduate week” in conjunction with the annual meetings in the 1920s; **comprising** the monthly Grand Rounds established in 1983 by Joseph Natiella and Russell Bessette under Dean William Feagans, bringing together Buffalo-area dentists, physicians and dental students to discuss the growing complexity and high-risk patients of many dental cases faced by practitioners; and **bringing** us to celebrate this year with such events as the Implant Study Club organized by Sebastiano Andreana, the 38th year of the Chautauqua Dental Congress, begun by Sebastian Ciancio, and the 40th anniversary of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting.

Much thanks is given to all those engaged in our alumni association sponsored meetings and continuing dental education programs throughout the years, and to those who have most recently coordinated these offerings.

And so we end this bit of reflection with a quote from Dean James English, the school’s 7th dean: “Education is always going out-of-date because there is always change. By attending postgraduate courses regularly, and reading professional and scientific journals after graduation, you can build upon the good educational base we have given you. If you are concerned about the uncertainties of the future, it may be comforting to know that we, too, are concerned. ... Plans for the future must allow a large measure of flexibility so that we can make changes as they are needed. You, too, need flexible plans. Most of all, they must allow you to grow. **Don’t stop growing when you graduate—keep awake to changes around you. And most important, keep in touch with your school.** We want to see you back here often.”



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*"Confined dentin crack observation by optical coherent tomography and digital X-ray methods"*  
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Major Professor: Hyeongil Kim, DDS, MS

#### Dalal Fahad AlAmir, BDS

*"Mineralogic and topographic characterization of un-hydrated and hydrated different new generation of tricalcium based materials"*  
Major Professor: Eugene A. Pantera, Jr., DDS, MS

#### Fatima Albishry, BDS

*"The effect of different finishing and polishing protocols on the surface roughness and flexural strength of anatomic - full contour zirconia"*  
Major Professor: Dana M. Keblawi, DDS

#### Adi Sulaiman Alghanem, BDS

*"Bond degradation, biocompatibility and surface characterization of poly-acrylic acid coated copper iodide containing adhesives"*  
Major Professor: Camila Sabatini, DDS, MS

#### Hawra Ali Aljanobi, BDS

*"Detection of inflammatory cytokines in Sjogren's Syndrome patients using a novel salivary collection device"*  
Major Professor: Jill M. Kramer, DDS, PhD

#### Mohammad Alqahtani, BDS

*"Effect of diode laser-irradiation through topically applied fluoride on masking white spot lesions of enamel"*  
Major Professor: Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MSc

#### Abdulla Awn S Alqarni, BDS

*"Examination of the expression profile of P63 in HNSCC"*  
Major Professor: Rose-Anne Romano, PhD

#### Rana Saud Z Alshagroud, BDS

*"Clinicopathological significance of oral mucosal epithelial cells staining with IgG, IgA, and IgM by direct immunofluorescence"*  
Major Professor: Mirzda E. Neiders, DDS, MS

#### Thabet Mahmood Alhousami, BDS

*"The effect of insulin-like growth factors on the growth of osteosarcoma cells"*  
Major Professor: Rosemary Dziak, PhD

#### Nisha Sharoff Ashwin, BDS

*"Association between comorbid medical conditions and intra-articular disorders"*  
Major Professor: Yoly M. Gonzalez-Stucker, DDS, MS

#### Walaah Ali H. Babeer, BDS

*"Microtensile bond strength of IvoBase resin and two commercially available teeth"*  
Major Professor: Hyeongil Kim, DDS, MS

#### Haseeb Hussain, BDS

*"Immediate effect of continuous therapeutic ultrasound vs sham ultrasound for bilateral myalgia: a double blinded trial"*  
Major Professor: W. Scott McCall, PhD

#### Eman Bashir Khalil, BDS

*"Affect of chlorhexidine varnish to prevent coronal leakage in endodontically treated teeth"*  
Major Professor: Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MSc

#### Bralavan Krishnakumar, BSc

*"Analysis of the inflammasome and vitamin D in Sjogren's Syndrome"*  
Major Professor: Jill M. Kramer, DDS, PhD

#### Shweta Girish Panchal, BDS

*"Effects of magnesium on normal human osteoblasts"*  
Major Professor: Rosemary Dziak, PhD

#### Quynh Pham, DDS

*"The effect of monobond etch and prime on shear bond strength of milled lithium disilicate to a resin cement"*  
Major Professor: Dana M. Keblawi, DDS

#### Abhimanyu Rajkumar Sharma, BDS

*"Short term efficacy of physical therapy and appliance therapy individually or in combination for bilateral myalgia: randomized double blind clinical trial"*  
Major Professor: Heidi C. Crow, DDS, MS

### ORTHODONTICS

#### Ashley Marie Acevedo, DMD

*"Comparative analysis of sella turcica bridging with lateral cephalograms and CBCTs"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Lina Saleh A Alhoraibi

*"Longterm post-treatment effects induced by the forsus fatigue resistant device in Class II patients based on their cervical vertical maturation status"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Ayed Ali A Alqahtani, BDS

*"Bolton tooth size discrepancy in Caucasians with skeletal class III malocclusion of different severities"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Douglas Henick, DMD

*"Skeletal and dentoalveolar effects of Invisalign (G5) with virtual bite ramps for deep overbite malocclusion correction in adults"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Kevin S. Manzella, DDS

*"Skeletal and dental effects of the NiTi Memoria Leaf Spring activated expander: A retrospective controlled clinical study"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Hussain Yousof A Marghalani, BDS

*"Quantitative evaluation of mandibular symphyseal structure"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

#### Valerie Anne Ryan, DDS

*"Assessment of treatment outcomes in a graduate orthodontic program"*  
Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS

### POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

#### ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Taleb Hussain M Alnahwi, BDS  
Madelyn K. Gilbert, DDS  
Eman Bashir Khalil, BDS  
Joshua A. Lee, DDS  
Emily A. McIntyre, DDS  
Amber Rosenberg, DDS  
Erina Sadykov, DDS  
Erin M. Sweeney, DDS  
Hattan Abdullatif M Zaki, BDS

#### ENDODONTICS

Dalal Fahad AlAmir, BDS  
Joseph Sadykov, DDS  
Elenz Sarshar, DDS

#### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

Thabet Mahmood Alhousami, BDS  
Abdullah Alqarni, BDS

#### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Shivane K. Gupta, DMD  
Hisham Hatoum, DDS

#### ORTHODONTICS

Mayssa Salti, DDS  
Ashley Marie Acevedo, DMD  
Lina Saleh A Alhoraibi, BDS  
Douglas Henick, DMD  
Kevin S. Manzella, DDS  
Valerie Anne Ryan, DDS

#### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Pedro Mario Alvarez III, DDS  
Dane J. Hendry, DDS  
Sat Kartar Kaur Khalsa, DDS  
Steven SeungKyun Ko, DMD  
Erica Lavere, DDS  
Kyle Drew Shaw, DDS

#### PERIODONTICS

Ammar Abdulbasit Almarghlani, BDS  
Saleh Sami S Aloraini, BDS  
Bilat Annaba, BDS, MS  
Hammam Fageeh, BDS  
Wael Ibraheem M. Ibraheem, BDS

#### PROSTHODONTICS

Abdulla A A A M Alameeri, BDS

#### TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDERS AND OROFACIAL PAIN

Nisha Sharoff Ashwin, BDS  
Seema Kurup, BDS





# SDM 2017 Senior Awards

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT, SKILL AND CONTRIBUTION



COMMENCEMENT 2017

**Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award**  
Jacqueline M. Hetterich

**Academy of General Dentistry Award**  
Julia Lynne Findlay

**Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**  
Samantha M. Palka

**Academy of Osseointegration Award**  
Susan Li

**Dr. Joseph A. Accardo Eighth District Dental Society Award**  
Jordan J. Telin

**Alpha Omega Fraternity Award**  
Daniel P. Caruso

**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award**  
Shafinaz Ali

**American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award**  
Sana Naeem

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**  
Kyle T. Malstrom

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**  
Tyler J. Maxwell

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**  
Andrew Thomas Trooien

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain**  
Gursimran K. Bhangra

**American Academy of Periodontology Award**  
Daniel P. Caruso

**American Association of Endodontists Award**  
Maryam Mozayani

**American Association of Oral Biologists Award**  
Adam T. Morrell

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
Daniel P. Caruso

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Implant Award**  
Wanwan Zhang

**American Association of Orthodontists Awards**  
Brittany Swiderski

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award**  
Elizabeth Stanko

**American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award**  
Elana L. Korn  
Lauren Zaleski

**American College of Prosthodontists Award**  
Tiffany J. Wendt

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award**  
Samantha M. Palka

**American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence**  
Jordan J. Telin

**Barrett Foundation Award**  
Daniel P. Caruso

**Braessler USA Award**  
Robert Garfield Cox

**Eleanor Bushee Award**  
Samantha Jo Kelly

**James Collord Memorial Award**  
Patrick Anthony Micaroni

**Dean's Award**  
Jordan J. Telin

**Delta Sigma Delta Award**  
Emma J. Guzman

**Dental Alumni Award**  
Adam Robert Gregor

**Dentsply Sirona Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics**  
Swetha Regatipalli

**Dr. Marshall Fagin Prosthodontic Award**  
Emily Barrett Krolian  
Jeffrey Willis

**Erie County Dental Society Chester A. Glor Award**  
Tiffany J. Wendt

**The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award**  
Amin Nasehi

**Fonzi Dental Study Club, Anthony S. Gugino Humanitarian Award**  
Ashley Stuart

**Victor A. Fumia Award**  
Shafinaz Ali

**Hanu Prosthodontics Award**  
Gaurav Malik

**International College of Dentists Award**  
Ashley M. Scofield

**International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award**  
Wanwan Zhang

**International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award**  
Stephanie Hoyos

**Edwin C. Jauch Award**  
Brittany Swiderski

**Donald Kozlowski Memorial Award**  
Andrew Thomas Trooien

**Robert B. Levine Award**  
Tiffany J. Wendt

**New York State Association of Endodontists**  
Thomas A. Clemente

**New York State Dental Foundation Student Recognition Award**  
Samantha Jo Kelly  
Elizabeth Stanko





**New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Award**  
Nathan David Pitcher

**The Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award**  
Heather M. Farone

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award**  
Jean V. Aiad  
Daniel P. Caruso  
Ryan D. Corbelli  
Cynthia M. Dowsland  
Stephanie Hoyos  
Susan Li  
Gaurav Malik  
Kyle T. Malstrom  
Patrick Anthony Micaroni  
Nathan David Pitcher  
Swetha Regatipalli  
Cole A. Staines  
Andrew Thomas Trooien

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Research Award**  
David DiPalma

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dr. Lata Shenoy Award**  
Gaurav Malik

**Richard A. Powell Award**  
Yong Suel Park

**Quintessence Awards**  
**RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT:**  
Adam T. Morrell

**RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY:**  
Elana L. Korn

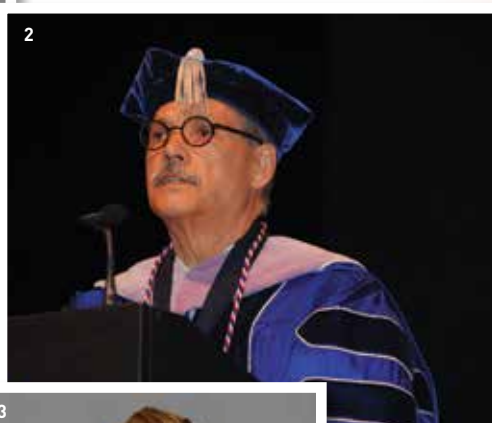
**PERIODONTICS:**  
Stephanie Hoyos

**Lester Schatz Memorial Award**  
Tyler J. Maxwell

**George B. Snow Awards**  
**COMPLETE PROSTHESIS:**  
Adam J. Underwood  
Tiffany J. Wendt

**The Harvey D. Sprowl Award**  
Conor S. Peterson

**Student Recognition Award**  
Emma J. Guzman



# HONORS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

1 ROGER APPS RECEIVED THE DENTAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION STAFF APPRECIATION AWARD. 2 JOSEPH J. ZAMBON, DDS, PHD RECEIVED THE WILLIAM M. FEAGANS AWARD. 3 LISA DURAND RECEIVED THE FLORENCE KRONSON AWARD. 4 TAMMY L. THOMPSON, DDS RECEIVED THE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. 5 LATA SHENOY RECEIVED THE RICHARD A. POWELL AWARD. 6 ROBIN COMEAU RECEIVED THE CHARLES S. LIPANI AWARD.

# CE

School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

# course calendar

**OCT. 5 (9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.)**

**Applications and Benefits of Putting Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) in Dental Clinic Settings**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

John Franchella, DMD

TUITION: \$65

3 CE HRS

## UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB 2017-2018

THURSDAYS (6 TO 9 P.M.)

**SEPT. 21 Orthodontics for the Implant Patient**

Calogero Dolce, DDS, PhD

**OCT. 26 Effects of Missing Dentition in the Esthetic of the Patient**

Andrew Giacobbe, MD, FACS

**NOV. 16 Hands-on Workshop (members only)**

**DEC. 14 From Minimally Invasive Restorative Dentistry to Implant Dentistry: Decision Making Issues**

Patrick Battista, DDS and John Maggio, DDS

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

IMPLANT STUDY CLUB RETURNING MEMBER ANNUAL FEE: \$995  
ANNUAL NEW MEMBER FEE: \$1295  
SINGLE MEETING NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$225

2018 tentative dates: Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17

3 CE HRS/MEETING

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES

(6 TO 8 P.M.)

**OCT. 4 Putting Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) into Practice**

John Franchella, DMD

**NOV. 1 OSHA Update, Infection Control & CDC Guidelines**

Karen K. Daw, MBA, CECM (authorized OSHA trainer)

**NOV. 8 Risk to Results: Periodontal Instrumentation for the Advanced Practitioner**

Theresa Johnson, RDH, MBA

**NOV. 15 Periodontology: Past, Present and Future**

Frank Scannapieco, DMD, PhD

**DEC. 14 Risk Assessment for Dental Caries: Impacts on Patient Management**

Stefan Ruhl, DMD, PhD

**TBA Choosing Restorative Materials: Amalgam vs. Composites**

Camila Sabatini, DDS, MS

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G, UB North Campus (live lecture)*

*Distance learning sites: Binghamton, Canton, Jamestown, Norwich, Watertown*

TUITION: \$65 (BUF)

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

3 CE HRS

NOW AVAILABLE ALSO AS SELF-STUDY ON-LINE (\$45), 2 CE HRS

**OCT. 19-20**

(5 TO 9 P.M. ON THURS;  
8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON FRI.)

**Treating the Apprehensive, Medically Compromised and Phobic Patient with Sedation**

Marc Gottlieb, DDS

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$395  
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$495

12 CE HRS

**NOV. 10**

**Start with the Right Diagnosis**

John Kalmar, DMD, PhD

*Location TBA*

UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$225  
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$245  
TEAM MEMBER: \$95

**DEC. 8**

**Modern Practice of Fixed Prosthodontics**

Steven Morgano, DMD

*University at Buffalo, Center for Tomorrow, North Campus*

UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$225  
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$245  
TEAM MEMBER: \$95

**DEC. 15**

(8:30 AM TO 4:30 P.M.)

**Vertical Bone Augmentation**

Charles Severin, MD, PhD  
Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

*UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences*

TUITION: \$1295

*Enrollment limited to 14*

**HANDS-ON WORKSHOP**

7 CE HRS

**MAY 11, 2018 (tentative)**  
(9 AM TO 4 P.M.)

**UB DENTAL HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM**

**Microbes on Parade: The Amazing Role They Play in Health & Disease**

**AND**

**Headliners: Breaking News and Its Effect on Health Care**

Betsy Reynolds, RDH

*The Westin Hotel, Buffalo, NY*

TUITION: \$125 BEFORE APRIL 13

6 CE HRS



**Annamarie Phalen**

*Associate Director, Continuing Dental Education*

## SAVE THE DATES

**JUNE 27-29, 2018**  
(8:30 AM DAILY)

### 39th Annual Dental Congress

*Chautauqua Suites Hotel  
and Expo Center, Rte. 394,  
Mayville, NY*

Save the Dates!!

**DENTIST: \$225**  
**TEAM MEMBER: \$125**  
**12 CE HRS**

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Confirmation notice will be  
emailed upon receipt of your  
tuition payment.

### TO REGISTER

**PHONE:** (716) 829-2320  
or Toll-free (800) 756-0328

**ONLINE:** Complete  
course details and online  
registration available  
on the UB dental events  
course calendar at  
[www.ubdentalalumni.com](http://www.ubdentalalumni.com)

## TRAVEL COURSES

Enjoy travel opportunities with UB and through collaborations  
with other university dental schools. Please reference UB!

### 9 DAY SCOTLAND TOUR

*September 23–October 1, 2017*

Join UB and University of Iowa College of Dentistry  
colleagues for a unique CE and travel adventure! Karen  
Baker, BS, MS Associate Professor, Department of Oral  
Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, University of Iowa  
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**12 CE HRS**

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### SPAIN/ANDALUSIA LAND TOUR

*October 11–19, 2018!*

Dr. John Maggio, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of  
Restorative Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine

Begin in Malaga for 2 nights; group dinner at José Carlos  
Garcia, situated on the Port of Malaga alongside la Plaza de  
la Capilla; Tour Alhambra and Grenada, the land of a thousand castles, with  
lunch in the city center; Transfer to Estepona for 3 nights, including beachside dinner, special  
tour by ferry to Tangier, Morocco with visits to Cap Spartel, Hercules Caves, Kasbah, Berber  
Market, Grand Socco and Traditional Moroccan Lunch w/music; Visit to the peaceful,  
charming Ronda located on a hilltop, on a precipitous limestone cleft with Paella lunch;  
Transfer through Jerez to at Tablao El Arenal; train trip to explore Cordoba and the  
mesmerising multi-arched Mezquita; Dinner at Abades Triana on Seville's Betis Street, by the  
Guadalquivir River and right across from the Golden Tower (Torre del Oro).

**Optional add-on of 4 nights in Portugal, October 19-23;** Coach transfer from Sevilla  
to Lisbon with stop in Evora enroute; Train to Porto; tour to Douro Region Wineries for tasting  
and dinner. Seven cinematic hillsides overlooking the Rio Tejo cradle Lisbon's postcard-perfect  
panorama of cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals—a captivating  
recipe crafted over centuries.

**TRAVEL LAND PACKAGE: \$3,299 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**  
**PACKAGE FOR OPTIONAL 4 NIGHTS IN PORTUGAL: \$1,500 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**CE PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Watch our website for details – [www.BuffaloCE.org/TravelPrograms](http://www.BuffaloCE.org/TravelPrograms)



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# 125th Anniversary







# Scholarship Gala

THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE HELD ITS  
125TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP GALA ON MAY 6TH  
AT THE ATRIUM AT RICH'S IN BUFFALO

**T**hree-hundred guests were treated to a fun evening in a beautiful setting. Joining the SDM community at the event were UB President Satish Tripathi, UB Provost Charles Zukoski, and Vice President for Health Sciences Michael Cain. Those gathered were welcomed by Dean Joseph Zambon, Masters of Ceremonies Ray Miller, Tripathi and Cain. After dinner, Joseph Gambacorta gave a brief history presentation and student David Hornak, Class of 2019, spoke on the impact of financial support on his dental career. Live music was provided by alum Matthew Valerio and visual presentations of SDM history were created by Robin Comeau.

Both the live and silent auctions raised significant funds for student scholarships. This coupled with donations from alums, friends, faculty and staff, company support, and in-kind donations amounted to over \$165,000.



Many thanks to all the donors, volunteers, and the members of the Advisory and Planning committees for their great job in ensuring the success of the event, especially event co-chairs, Sebastian and Marilyn Ciancio, Joseph Zambon, Richard Lynch, and Lisa Jerebko.

*If you were not able to attend the scholarship gala but would like to contribute to the 125th Anniversary Scholarship Fund, please call the UB Dental Alumni Association Office at (716) 829-2061 or send a check payable to: UB Foundation, 337 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006.*





ROBERT GENCO, '63, (CENTER) RECEIVES AWARD FROM MARY GARLICK ROLL, MS '88, BS '84, PAST UB ALUMNI ASSOC. PRESIDENT; AND UB PRESIDENT SATISH TRIPATHI.

## Genco honored for excellence as educator

**S**UNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR Robert Genco, '63, received the Richard T. Sarkin Award for Excellence in Teaching at the UB Alumni Association Achievement Awards on May 11th at the UB Center for the Arts.

Genco earned a PhD in microbiology and immunology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967 and then returned to UB to begin teaching periodontics and endodontics that year. He served as chair of the Department of Oral Biology for 25 years. He and his colleagues were among the first researchers to connect gum disease with heart disease and stroke. Genco has published more than 395 scientific papers.

Now director of the UB Microbiome Center, Genco was vice provost of the university's Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach (STOR), where he helped launch more than 80 companies in Western New York.

The award is named to honor the late Richard T. Sarkin, EdM '98, a pediatrician and UB professor renowned for his work improving faculty and medical residents' teaching skills, along with strengthening physicians' communication with patients. The award is given to UB alumni who have earned distinction as educators at accredited institutions of higher education.

## Calnon receives Young Alumni Award

**T**IMOTHY CALNON, '13, received the Young Alumni Award from the University at Buffalo Rochester Alumni Chapter on June 1st at the George Eastman Museum.



After earning his doctor of dental surgery degree and graduating Magna Cum Laude from the UB SDM, the Rochester native went on to the University of Rochester to pursue both a master's degree in dental science and complete his residency in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

Calnon was heavily involved with the American Student Dental Association, serving as district representative and trustee, a member of its Council on Professional Issues and Council on Licensure, and a member of the ASDA's strategic planning oversight committee, among others. He is also a member of the Monroe County Dental Society, and serves on the UB Young Alumni Leadership Council.

Calnon has won numerous awards, including the Delta Dental Student Leadership Award, UB Class of 1952 Scholarship and the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship. In 2015, he joined the Get it Straight Orthodontics practice as an associate orthodontist.

The Young Alumni Award is presented to UB alumni in recognition of their successful career paths, ambitious nature and leadership in the workplace. Recipients have graduated within the past decade and are under the age of 40.

## Goaltending honor

**Brittany Swiderski, '17**, was honored in recognition of her excellent performance in the Hanau Cup competition. She played goalie for the student team all four years she was in dental school.





# BNDM to celebrate 40th anniversary

**T**HE BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING, formerly the Greater Niagara Frontier Dental Meeting, is celebrating 40 years of success! The first annual meeting was held September 28–30, 1978, and featured 11 speakers including the one and only Gordon Christensen, luncheons with local politicians, and a ladies program run by JoAnn Triftshauser, wife of Roger Triftshauser, '61.

This year to celebrate the 40th Anniversary, there will be a birthday party on Wednesday, October 4, from 5:30–8:00 pm during Opening Night celebration which is FREE for everyone. Opening Night will feature live music by Central Groove, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a birthday cake. The Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting is also giving away 40 gifts to celebrate 40 years on Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6. Each person who preregisters for the meeting will have a chance to win. New this year to help alleviate parking problems, parking is being offered for just \$5 each day per person (must preregister with BNDM registration) at Buffalo Riverworks, with buses running continuously all day back and forth from the Riverworks site to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Those parking at Riverworks can enjoy a free coffee station while they wait for the shuttle and can return to enjoy drink and dining specials after a day at the meeting.

The BNDM is also featuring over 20 notable speakers, including the return of the highly requested Uche Odiatu who will present in the ballroom on Friday, October 6. For more information on programs and presenters, visit [bndmeeting.com](http://bndmeeting.com).



## Inspire Dental Group welcomes two SDM alums

**M**ATTHEW S. GELLERT, '11 AND GARY R. MCBRIDE, '88, have joined the Inspire Dental Group, a multi-specialty dental practice with offices in Amherst and West Seneca. Both practice general dentistry at Inspire's Amherst office.

Before joining Inspire, Gellert was an associate with Creating Dental Excellence/Dr. Thomas P. Stein and Associates in Cornwall, NY, and at Cornerstone Dental in Middletown, NY. A native of Lowville, NY, Dr. Gellert received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science at UB and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the SDM where he received the Clinical Excellence Award and was accepted into Delta Sigma Delta Pi.

McBride previously maintained his own private practice in Amherst for 21 years. A native of Carmel, NY, Dr. McBride received his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Binghamton University and his DDS from the SDM.

Both dentists are members of Omicron Kappa Epsilon, the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association and the Eighth District Dental Society.



MATTHEW S. GELLERT, '11



GARY R. MCBRIDE, '88

### 2017 EVENTS

**Billy Barue Golf Tournament**  
Saturday, August 26  
Seneca Hickory Stick  
Contact: Spencer Bierlein  
[srbierle@buffalo.edu](mailto:srbierle@buffalo.edu)

**Daniel H. Squire Society Celebration**  
Thursday, August 31  
Burchfield Penney Museum

**Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting**  
October 4–6  
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center  
[BNDMeeting.com](http://BNDMeeting.com)

**125th SDM Anniversary and Alumni Reunion Reception**  
October 5  
UB School of Dental Medicine  
Martha Somerman, DDS, PhD,  
Director of the NIDCR  
4:45–5:30pm – Butler Auditorium

**Reception and Tours of the New Preclinical Simulation Facility**  
5:30–7:00pm – Squire Atrium

**Reunion Dinner Dance**  
Friday, October 6  
6:30 pm cocktails  
7:30 pm dinner  
Hyatt Regency Ballroom,  
Buffalo, NY  
[dental.buffalo.edu/alumni](http://dental.buffalo.edu/alumni)

**UB Dental Alumni Reception during the Annual ADA Meeting**  
Friday, October 20  
7:00–8:30 pm  
STATS Food & Drinks  
300 Marietta St., Atlanta, GA  
RSVP to [sdmalum@buffalo.edu](mailto:sdmalum@buffalo.edu)  
or (716) 829-2061

## Take the reunion challenge

**T**HE UB SCHOOL OF Dental Medicine is rebuilding and is asking for the help of this year's reunion classes and beyond. The challenge for this year's reunion classes is to try to raise enough money to fund an operatory for \$25,000.

Taking the lead for the class of 1982 while encouraging other classes to join in with this reunion challenge are Joseph S. Modica and Michael N. Hatton.

"Our excellent education at a research-based dental school prepared us for the many changes and challenges in our profession. This early foundation contributed greatly to our professional lives," says Modica. "By giving back to the dental school I am recognizing this education and feel by contributing I am assisting the school in preparing our future colleagues for the challenges ahead."

Hatton concurs. "The school needs our help now more than ever. We need to assist our school's renovations so that future dental graduates will have those opportunities for a professional life that my class had. It's natural to want to be a leader for this event, as I love the school, and the opportunities it has afforded me."

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Phase one of construction was completed in May and the next phase is underway. While the university and New York State are providing some support for this project, there is a significant need for private support—that's where your school needs help. We are asking that not only the reunion classes, but each alumni consider making a tax-deductible contribution. Or you can reach out to your class to combine efforts towards this endeavor and leave your class legacy. If your class can collectively raise \$25,000, your class photo name will appear on a brand new operatory! Just think—if you have 25 people in your class give \$1,000 each, you have raised enough money to fund an operatory.

The classes that raise the most money during this year's reunion challenge will have their class listed on a plaque within the newly renovated dental school and will be recognized by Dean Zambon at the Reunion Dinner Dance on Friday, October 6.

## Hutter hailed with 40 under 40 award

**Joshua Hutter, '05,**

clinical instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, was among those receiving Canisius College's inaugural 40 under 40 award. He was cited for his accomplishments in dental care and his volunteer efforts



in delivering care to the underserved, including the dental school's Give Kids a Smile program and the area's Good Neighbors Health Care Clinic. Hutter served as President of the Dental Alumni Association in 2012–2013. He currently is Programs Chair of the BNDM, and Vice President of the Erie County Dental Society.



**JOIN US FOR THE REUNION DINNER DANCE.**

All alumni are invited as we celebrate the reunion classes listed at the right. To purchase tickets and RSVP, call the Dental Alumni Office at 716-829-2061.

### The classes that are celebrating this year and the chairpersons of each class are:

#### 1957

Edward J. Kucio  
Joseph A. LaNasa  
Henry C. Tiberi

#### 1962

Joseph P. Foley

#### 1967

Melvyn M. Leifert

#### 1972

Michael D. Hess  
Peter P. Mascari

#### 1977

Darlene R. White

#### 1982

Frances L. DePlato  
Michael N. Hatton  
Mark E. Mahaney  
Joseph S. Modica

#### 1987

Robert J. Buhite  
David P. Croglio  
Norman E. Stoj

#### 1992

Frank T. Sindoni  
John R. Tibbetts

#### 1997

Julie M. Sheehan  
Jones

#### 2002

Scott A. Burke  
Samer K. Riad  
Joseph L. Rumfola

#### 2007

Joseph T. Deluca  
Andrew J. Dusel

#### 2012

Nicole V. Hinchy  
Maryam Mobarhan  
Donald D. Pitcher

# ClassNotes

## In Memoriam

**James S. Anderson, '51**, of Winchester, MA, died April 5, 2017. He was 99. The Wilkes Barre, PA native served with the Army Air Force as a flying officer in the Eighth Air Force. After his plane was shot down over France, he was a prisoner of war in Paris for many months. He was awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart. Following the war, Anderson attended the SDM for six years, graduating with honors. He opened his dental office, in Ilion, NY in September 1951, and continued until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the American Dental Society and other dental societies in New York State. He enjoyed his family and friends and a variety of sports including golfing, sailing, bicycling, hiking, and skiing.

**Daniel H. Flanders, '69**, of Schenectady, NY, died April 7, 2017. He was 72. Born in Albany, he began his career in Schenectady in endodontic private practice. He was a member and past president of the Fourth District Dental Society, as well as the Schenectady County Dental Society; a member of the New York State Dental Association, Schenectady Dental Study Club, American Dental Association and American Association of Endodontists. He also lectured extensively and authored articles for the New York State Dental Journal and the Journal of Endodontics. Flanders was a passionate outdoorsman who enjoyed photographing nature, an avid fly fisherman, and an enthusiastic pilot who accrued over 4,000 hours.

**Michael W. Gawkins, '62**, of Richmond, VA, died April 8, 2017. He was 78. After his SDM graduation, the Utica, NY native entered active service as an officer in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. Upon his discharge, Gawkins opened a dental practice in Vernon, NY, where he practiced for 51 years. His final years of practice were with the practice of Kurt Gormley in Sherrill, NY.

He was a member of the Fifth District Dental Society and the UB Dental Alumni Association. His many interests included a lifetime study of history, travel, gardening, sailing, golf and attending Boston Red Sox, Buffalo Bills, and Notre Dame games.

**Russell C. Gugino, '53**, of Irondequoit, NY, died March 28, 2017. Originally from Fredonia, NY, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After his SDM graduation, he came to Rochester to begin his dental career where he lived out his passion of caring for thousands of patients throughout his 43 years in practice. Gugino actively contributed to numerous organizations including the Seventh District Dental Society and founding member of the Apollonian Dental Study Club. He loved music, especially jazz, as well as dancing, golfing, travelling and entertaining at his home, and he was known for his sense of style and fashion.

**Gordon R. Kauderer, '58**, of Clarence, NY, died March 18, 2017. He was 83. He practiced general dentistry in Buffalo.

**Benjamin E. Kaufman, '51**, Ortho Cert., of Flint Township, MI, died January 28, 2017. He was 97. He served as a dental surgeon in the U.S. Navy in 1945. At the urging of his dentist brother Theodore Kaufman, Benjamin enrolled and graduated in orthodontics from the SDM. Together the brothers established and operated one of Flint's first orthodontic practices where Benjamin practiced for 50 years. He was active in many professional organizations including the American Dental Association and Genesee District Dental Society, and the Orthodontic Association of America. Even though he took up golf later in life, Kaufman scored two holes-in-one, both after he turned 80.

**Conrad J. Kubiniec, '61**, of St. Augustine, FL, and Cazenovia, NY, died March 18, 2017. He was 79. The North Tonawanda, NY native served as an officer and dentist in the U.S. Navy, after which he opened his dental practice in Batavia, NY where he practiced for 40 years, the last 10 with his son Michael. Kubiniec was elected into the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an International Honorary Dental Organization and was a member of the Tri-County Dental Society and the Eighth District Dental Society. He was an American contract bridge life master, an avid long distance runner, an accomplished lifelong bowler, and a master gardener in the Cornell Cooperative Extension in New York.

**James D. Ritzenthaler, '59**, of Sarasota, FL, died January 27, 2017. He was 82. An orthodontist in Lockport for over 40 years, he treated three generations of Lockport adolescents and adults before retiring to Florida. He was an avid boater and skilled skier.

**Robert C. Schnorr, '48**, of Pittsford, NY, died July 19, 2017. The Korean War veteran was a long-time dentist with practices in Rochester and Penfield. He enjoyed many hobbies, outdoor activities, and being with friends at his second home in Quebec, Canada.

**Robert J. Swart, '53**, Naples, FL and Rochester, NY, died March 22, 2017. He was 91. Born in Elmira, NY he served his country during WWII as a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He practiced dentistry in Rochester for many years, retiring from the Westfall Dental Group. Swart was an active member in many community and charitable organizations, serving as president of Monroe County Dental Society and Seventh District Dental Society. He loved to travel and took his family and friends all over the world, occasionally in his own airplane. He also had a passion for golf.

**Daniel Lawrence "Larry" Sweeney, '79**, of Savannah, GA, died January 30, 2016. He was 62. The native of New Brunswick, NJ, retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service in the U.S. Army. After retirement, he was a contract dentist at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah.

**Terry C. Washburn, '66**, of Freeville, NY died May 18, 2017. He was 75.

**Barry F. Wood, DDS, '66**, Ortho. Cert., '68 of Arlington Heights, IL, died March 14, 2017. He was 75. Born in Penn Yan, NY, he entered private orthodontic practice in Williamsville, NY, in 1970 until his retirement in 2000 due to Parkinson's Disease. He earned certification by the American Board of Orthodontics, and was president of the Erie County Dental Society, board member of the Eighth District Dental Society Orthodontic Academy, and member of the SDM Admissions Committee. Wood received the Dr. Francis J. Stone Distinguished Service Award for his three dental mission trips to Haiti. He played first trombone in the Amherst Symphony for 35 years and built homes with Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo for 10 years.

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